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SUBJECT: USAID/WHO COOPERATION ON KOREAN PROJECTS

PASS TO DR. MALCOLM MERRILL, U.S. DELEGATION TO WORLD
HEALTH ASSEMBLY

1. UNCLASSIFIED CABLE 3172 FROM SEOUL, APRIL 29, REFERS
DESIRE OF WPRO REGIONAL DIRECTOR FRANCISCO DY TO OBTAIN
WRITTEN ASSURANCE FROM AID THAT WHO SHORT-TERM CONSULTANTS
WILL BE ACCEPTED IN AN AID-SPONSORED KOREAN HEALTH DEMON-
STRATION PROJECT.

2. AID HAS A LONG HISTORY OF COLLABORATION WITH WHO IN
FIELD PROJECTS AS IN THE MALARIA PROGRAM. MORE RECENTLY,
THE LOW-COST HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEM LOAN TO BRAZIL IS SUP-
PORTED ENTIRELY BY PAHO/WHO CONSULTANTS AND FULL-TIME TECH-
NICAL ASSISTANCE.

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3. THE ISSUE IN KOREA, HOWEVER, IS THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT TO INVOLVE WHO IN THE CURRENT KOREA/AID HEALTH DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. OBVIOUSLY, IT WOULD BE IMPROPER FOR AID TO WELCOME WHO SHORT-TERM ASSISTANCE WITHOUT CONCURRENCE AND FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT.

4. THE MINISTER OF HEALTH FROM KOREA WILL BE ATTENDING THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND MAY RAISE THE ISSUE WITH YOU. DR. DY MAY ALSO BRING THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION. AID/W HAS CABLED THE USAID MISSION IN SEOUL, KOREA TO ADVISE THAT AID/W ENDORSES PRINCIPLE OF COLLABORATION BUT THAT THE DETERMINATION OF WHO INVOLVEMENT MUST BE JOINTLY AGREED TO IN SEOUL, KOREA BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, AID AND WHO. IF SUCH AGREEMENT CAN BE ARRANGED IN PRINCIPLE, THE DIRECTOR OF USAID/KOREA SHOULD ISSUE THE REQUESTED LETTER TO DR. FRANCISCO DY AT WPRO/WHO HEADQUARTERS IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES CONFIRMING THAT AID WOULD BE WILLING TO COOPERATE IN A PROGRAM WITH THE TECHNICAL PARTICIPATION OF WHO. KISSINGER

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